# The Viral Lowdown: Dishing Out the Denial

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If you'd predicted a year ago that the HIV dissidents would provide 2000's lead story, we would have laughed you right back into your K-hole. But when South Africa prez Thabo Mbeki got bit by the bug, AIDS Inc. turned serious about Tweedledum and Tweedledee with bad teeth and worse attitude out in San Francisco. And once the easy-to-dis dissidents were rechristened, there were more sightings of AIDS denialists than of Elvis -- though exactly what they were in denial about was rarely the same thing.

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